



# Lake Park Villager

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## **CLERK'S CORNER**

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

**September 28** – 7:00 PM Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

**October 13** – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

**October 22** – 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission at 3316 Faith Church Rd

**October 26** – 7:00 PM Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)**

OCTOBER 1, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **FALL YARD SALE**

OCTOBER 3, 7:00 AM

### **LAKE PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

OCTOBER 6, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK PLUS (INVESTMENT STUDY – MEMBER NAIC)**

OCTOBER 7, 7:00 PM, 5708 HOOVER STREET

### **LAKE PARK FALL FESTIVAL**

OCTOBER 10, 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM, TOWN CENTER GAZEBO

### **LAKE PARK PLUS (INVESTMENT STUDY – MEMBER NAIC)**

NOVEMBER 4, 7:00 PM, 3825 FAITH CHURCH RD

### **LAKE PARK BUSINESS FAIR & FAMILY DAY**

NOVEMBER 7, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, TOWN CENTER

### **LAKE PARK CHILI COOK-OFF**

NOVEMBER 7, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB**

NOVEMBER 16, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

## **Follow Council on Twitter**

You can now keep up with the Village government on Twitter. The Council will publish quick updates and information of note for all residents. You can follow the Village at the following site: <http://twitter.com/lakeparknc>. You can also register to receive these updates on your cell phone via text message.

## **Deputies Urge Reporting**

In his report to the Council during the September meeting, Deputy Haywood urged all residents to quickly report suspicious activities to either 911 or the non-emergency number, (704) 289-1591. Many times a timely report of an incident can mean the difference between apprehending a suspect and leaving a crime case unsolved. The village has been forced recently to spend thousands of taxpayer dollars to fix damage due to vandalism in the parks. In the past, quick citizen reporting has enabled Lake Park's law enforcement to catch persons responsible for crimes. Often, as part of their punishment, those convicted of the crime, have had to fix the damage they caused with no cost to the village.

In the September council meeting, the Parks and Recreation commission reported that they will be paying to have the graffiti cleaned off of Lake Charles pier. Additionally, the Council through the Parks and Rec commission invested in a chemical that will be applied to the pier to allow easier cleanup of spray paint with the goal of cleaning up future acts of vandalism as quickly as possible.

## **Annual Chili Cook-off**

The Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting the popular Annual Chili Cook-off. It will be held at the Community Center from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. All are welcome to cook their favorite chili recipe and compete for the title of the best chili in Lake Park.

## **Be a Water Watcher**

Stormwater monitoring can be done by everyone. For Lake Park, this is especially critical in order to maintain the health of our ponds that collect water

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## For Your Information

### Tax Bills Mailed

All Lake Park tax bills have been mailed to homeowners who do not have their taxes paid via an escrow account with their mortgage company. If there is a question about whether you should have received a bill, please contact the Village Tax Collector at (704) 882-VOLP.

### NC Recycling Law Change

Effective October 1, 2009 it will be unlawful in North Carolina to dispose of oil filters, plastic bottles or wooden pallets in landfills. These items are to be recycled or reused. NOTE: Our village recycling collection already accepts PLASTIC bottles that have the triangle 1 or triangle 2 imprint. NEVER leave oil filters nor wooden pallets out for curb pickup. Oil filters must be taken to auto service stations (WalMart is the closest).

### Park Signs Missing

The signs stating park hours installed last month at a cost of \$500 to the village have been stolen. Even though the signs are not in place, the rule stating that the parks are closed from dusk to dawn is still in effect, and will be enforced.

from storm drains throughout the village. Contact the village at (704) 882-VOLP if you see any of the following:

- Illegal dumping in any drain or pond
- Dead or dying fish and other aquatic wildlife
- An accumulation of discarded yard waste
- An overflowing manhole or storm drain
- An oily film in the water
- A sediment plume flowing into a stream.

## Lake Park's First Street Fair

Lake Park's first Business Fair & Family Fun Day will celebrate our significant core of 15 village businesses, churches and schools with a street fair in front of Town Center Saturday November 7, 10am -2pm. You'll find exhibits, music, a DJ, contests, a Chinese lion dance, and a style show. Smaller than Fall Festival, street fair exhibits and sponsors are exclusive to Lake Park. As you check out what's new, children can enjoy a 40-foot long bounce around obstacle course. Food will be available for purchase.

## Changes at Town Center

BB&T is the new owner of the Town Center commercial building and Moser Group is managing the building and marketing available spaces. Elevation has moved out of their office space. Mrs. Kim has joined her sister's dry cleaning company in Charlotte, so Lake Park Dry Cleaners will be missed. The Li's are taking a vacation but will reopen on November 1. Fireside Coffee indicates they will reopen in October with a new business partner.

## Certification Award

Family business owner, Doug Lucas, completed requirements and obtained his Certified Landscape Professional Landscaper credentials from NC State University last month.

## Residents Urged to Vote

Heavy voter turnout is essential at the Community Center polling place on Election Day, November 3. Only strong turnout justifies this location to the Union County Board of elections. Though Lake Park's candidates for elected office this year are running unopposed, be sure you are registered no later than October 3 and cast your vote.

You can check your registration status at [www.co.union.nc.us](http://www.co.union.nc.us).